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lated cases and learning of the present day industriously gathered together, and carefully placed in their appropriate places by the learned editor. An examination of any of the points, which have been recently discussed and adjudicated, will show the reader that large additions have been made by editorial diligence; and the commercial public have a right to be guided and instructed with certainty and safety, by the aid of such good lights as Bayley, Chitty, Byles, and Story; and, perhaps, this branch of law will hereafter require nothing more in text writers than diligence and intelligent care in accumulating the cases as they pass into judgment before the courts.

THE LAW OF SALES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY. By FRANCIS HILLIARD, Author of "Law of Vendors and Purchasers of Real Property," "Law of Torts," &c. Second edition, greatly enlarged and improved. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. JOHNSON & Co., Law Booksellers and Publishers, No. 535 Chestnut street. 1860. pp. 515.

It is very true, as the learned author observes in his preface, that the subject of this book "is one second in importance to none in the law; inasmuch as the buying and selling of personal property is the occupation which, more than all others, creates or constitutes the activity of human society. Other transactions are comparatively local and occasional, but this is universal and perpetual." This volume is substantially a new book; both the matter and the plan are essentially changed from the former impression. This treatise gives us, in a compact form, a sufficiently ample discussion of the most interesting, important, and constantly recurring principles of the law of sales. It is skillfully arranged, and the subdivisions are placed at the head of the chapters in such a way as to facilitate reference and aid a search into the text. To test the value and accuracy of the author's labors, we turned to the important subject of Warranty, ch. 18, and found all the cases cited, or referred to, beginning with the oldest and coming down to the very latest Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer Reports in England, and the most recent cases in the commercial States of our own Union. This chapter is certainly thorough and interesting, and may be taken as a criterion of the author's labors throughout. It is also not improper to add, that our friends, the Messrs. Johnson, have printed this book on excellent white paper, and with legible type for both text and notes, that leaves nothing further to be desired in the mechanical department.